

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kashichi HIROTA et al

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For: TELEPHONE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 9, line 1, delete "either one of claims 1, 4 and 7",
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "either one of claims 1 to 9",
insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

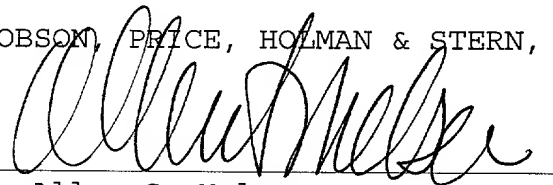
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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